GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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CONCESSIONAL TREATMENT TO POOR AND BPL PERSONS
Sharma Dr. Arvind Kumar

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to provide concessional treatment to the poor and the persons below poverty line in the Government/ Semi Government, Government aided hospitals including the hospitals of Government of NCT of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Members of Parliament have also made any recommendations in this regard;

(d) if so, the guidelines/ instructions issued by the Government thereon;

(e) whether the letters of the Members of Parliament for the treatment of the poor and the persons below poverty line in these hospitals are not being attended properly;

(f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(g) the action taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) & (b) There is no proposal under consideration for treatment to the poor and the persons below poverty line in the semi Government, Government aided hospitals. However, this Ministry has two schemes namely; Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi and Health Minister's Discretionary Grant under which financial assistance is provided to poor patients for operation/treatment at Central/States Government hospitals, including NCT of Delhi and Tata Cancer Research Hospital, Mumbai which is a private hospital.

(c) to (g) Letters received from Hon'ble Members of Parliament for providing financial assistance for the treatment of the poor and the persons below poverty line are being attended to promptly and properly. Cases are examined in the light of the guidelines for sanction of funds and the Hon'ble M.Ps are informed accordingly.